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MEMORANDUM

The sense of today's meeting ~~at~~
Joyce, ~~and~~ ~~and~~
with reference to bases was as follows:

1. We have examined this problem very thoroughly and find that the following is the only possible solution for our present problems:

a. The Americans be permitted to conduct training, holding, communications (air), and dispatching operations from Malta on a temporary but indefinite basis until

b. a decision is reached within the United Nations which will permit the use of the Cyrenaica base for these operations (probably in January if this is to be the case) or, failing Cyrenaica, the obtaining of a base on Turkish territory, although there appear to be some political reservations with respect to use of Turkish territory.

2. The foregoing conclusions were reached notwithstanding the fact that the group had agreed that it was feasible to split communications and dispatching operations from training and holding operations. In connection with the latter point the suggestion was made by the British of Egypt and East Africa as possible training and holding sites but they were subsequently passed over by the group.

3. It was agreed that OPC representatives would discuss the question of Malta more fully with ~~and~~ on Thursday and that following these discussions a further meeting will be held on Friday with Messrs. ~~and~~ to reach a final decision.

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